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Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Sept. 9	Dictator	New Orleans.....	19	0	0
13	Bluefields	New Orleans via Cape Gracias, Nicaragua.	24	18	0

Temperatures of all on board above-named vessels taken on day of departure.

PANAMA.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports:

Two weeks ended September 15. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Present officially estimated population, 4,954.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 10	Harry T. Inge	Mobile	28	2	0	0
10	Fort Morgan	do.....	25	0	0	0
10	Frutera	New York, via Santa Marta.	26	1	0	0
13	Greenbrier	New Orleans.....	47	1	0	0

PERSIA.

Report from Teheran—Precautions against the introduction of cholera and plague.

The following is received from the American legation, under date of August 24:

Persia is menaced with epidemics from three directions—on the east by India and on the west by Bagdad, with plague, and on the north by Russia with cholera, which has broken out at Astrakhan.

Medical officers stationed in the region of the Persian Gulf state that so far no case of plague has occurred at any of the ports within their range of inspection.

A quarantine station, which was established at Kasr-i-Shirin, on the Perso-Turkish frontier, commanding the highway between Bagdad and Teheran, in the spring of this year, but which had for some time been practically abandoned, is to be reopened, and stringent precautions are to be taken to arrest the progress of the disease.

In order to afford protection in the north against cholera at Astrakhan, quarantine posts are to be organized at Astara and Gez, the most western and eastern Persian ports on the Caspian Sea. Five or six days will apparently be the period of detention, unless cases of cholera should appear on any vessel, when the time would no doubt be prolonged.